Recruitment of surrendered militants in Para-Military Forces

1729. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the surrendered militants of the erstwhile Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) have been recruited by the CRPF and Assam Rifles as a step in conformity with the peace accord;

(b) if so, how far such personnel would be suitable for maintenance of law and order, protection of country's sovereignty and particularly how far their instinct could permit for counter insurgency operations;

(c) what is the experience with them on these aspects; and

(d) will it not be better and desirable, (without taking a risk) to rehabilitate them in different fields instead of recruiting them in our armed forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As provided in para 12.3 of the Memorandum of Settlement (MoS), it was decided to recruit a maximum of 1000 surrendered militants (Bodo) in Central Para-Military Forces (CPMFs). Only such surrendered militants shall be recruited, who fulfil the eligibility condition for recruitment of to the post of constable/follower and who qualify through the prescribed normal selection procedure. Also only such surrendered militants are to be considered for recruitment whose verification has been arranged through a Screening Committee.

(b) and (c) No major act of indiscipline by Bodo recruits has been reported.

(d) The recruitment of Bodo youth in the CPMFs is to give them a sense of participation in the security of the country.

Enquiry into Delhi bomb blasts

†1730. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enquiry into Delhi bomb blasts case has been completed;

(b) if so, the outfit, found guilty for this incident; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.